## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT **AND** MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO.

**PROMESA** Title III

as representative of

Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.

Debtors. 1

In re:

**PROMESA** Title III

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO

Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

as representative of

Re: ECF Nos. 16820 and 16833 in Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS and ECF Nos. 2498 and 2499 in Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY,

This Urgent Motion Relates Only to PREPA and Shall Only Be Filed in Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

Debtor.

## URGENT JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DATES IN SCHEDULING ORDER

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5233-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.)

To the Honorable Laura Taylor Swain, United States District Judge:

Debtor Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) and Foreman Electric Services Inc. (the "Movant" together with PREPA, the "Parties") hereby submit this urgent joint motion for an order extending all dates in the scheduling order that this Court entered on May 28, 2021 (ECF No. 16833)<sup>2</sup> (the "Scheduling Order").<sup>3</sup>

- 1. On May 28, 2021, Movant filed the Verified Motion of Foreman Electric Services Inc. for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claim (the "Motion") (ECF No. 16820).
- 2. That same day, the Honorable Court entered the Scheduling Order granting until June 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. AST to file responsive papers to the Motion and until June 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. AST to file Movant's reply papers.
- 3. After receiving and reviewing the Motion, PREPA understood that it needed additional time to further evaluate the claims made by Movant in the Motion and gather all the information necessary to prepare and file a response to the Motion. PREPA and Movant conferred to discuss PREPA's need to have the deadlines in the Scheduling Order extended. Movant consented to PREPA's request and requested to have the deadline to file reply papers moved.
- 4. The Parties respectfully request that the Court set a June 25, 2021 deadline for PREPA to file responsive papers to the Motion.
- 5. The Parties further request that the Court set a July 9, 2021 deadline for Movant to respond to responsive papers filed by PREPA.
- 6. Good cause exists to grant the Urgent Motion. The Motion raises legal arguments and factual allegations that PREPA must analyze, corroborate, and respond to.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reference to Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as PREPA's representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"), has authorized PREPA to file this Urgent Motion.

7. Because the Parties have agreed to the requested briefing schedule, no disadvantage or

harm will be inflicted on any of them by the Court's approval of the requested extension.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 9013-1 AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

8. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 and ¶ I.H of the Fourteenth Amended Notice, Case

Management and Administrative Procedures Order, Dkt. 15894-1, the Parties hereby certify that

they have (a) carefully examined the matter and concluded that there is a true need for an urgent

motion; (b) not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; (c) made a bona fide effort

to resolve the matter; (d) made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or

narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court; and (e) been in contact with each other, and

all Parties have consented to the relief requested herein.

9. In accordance with Paragraph II.F of the Case Management Procedures, the Parties have

provided notice of this motion to all counsel of record. The Parties submit that, in light of the

nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

10. No prior request for the relief sought in this Urgent Motion has been made to this or any

other court.

**CONCLUSION** 

For the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully request the Court enter the Proposed

Order attached as Exhibit A, granting the relief requested herein and all other relief as is just and

proper.

Dated: June 11, 2021

San Juan, Puerto Rico

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# **EXHIBIT A**

Proposed Order

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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#### [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING URGENT JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DATES IN SCHEDULING ORDER

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Upon consideration of the Urgent Joint Motion to Extend Dates in Scheduling Order (the "Urgent

Motion")<sup>2</sup>; and the Court and the Court having found it has subject matter jurisdiction over this

matter pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a); and it appearing that venue in this district is proper

pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a); and the Court having found that the Parties provided

adequate and appropriate notice of the Urgent Motion under the circumstances and that no other

or further notice is required; and the Court having reviewed the Urgent Motion; and the Court

having determined that the factual bases set forth in the Urgent Motion establish just cause for the

relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Urgent Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.

2. The deadline for PREPA to file responsive papers to the Motion shall be **June 25, 2021,** 

at 11:59 p.m. AST.

3. The deadline for Movant to respond to responsive papers filed by PREPA shall be July

9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. AST.

Dated: June , 2021

HONORABLE LAURA T. SWAIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Urgent Motion.